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Mysuru's Planetarium to open next month

A new landmark: MP

A view of the dome-shaped Planetarium coming up at the foot of Chamundi Hill in Mysuru.

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (RK&BCT)- Come February 2026, the world's first dome-shaped, state-of-the-art Planetarium will be inaugurated in Mysuru.

The project is coming up on 3.5 acres of land at Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Centre for Higher Learning of the University of Mysore (UoM), foot of Chamundi Hill.

It involves construction of the main civil structure and allied blocks at an estimated cost of Rs. 85 crore including Rs. 5 crore MPLAD (Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme) funds from Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath told *Star of Mysore* that the civil works have been completed and the facility is expected to open next month.

Interior works and installation of equipment are currently progressing at full speed, he said.

(See PLANETARIUM on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 13th January 2026

Karnatak Classical Flute Concert on Day-8 of Ch. Hill Kotharotsava

Vid. V. Mukunda from Bengaluru presenting a Karnatak Classical Flute Concert at Chamundi Hill Temple premises last evening as part of 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' music programme. He is accompanied by Vid. J.K. Shridhar on violin, Vid. Renuka Prasad and Vid. Narasimhan on mridanga and Sachith on tala. Today (Jan. 13), Vid. R. Raghu and troupe, Mysuru, will present Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert between 6 pm and 9 pm.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE UNIQUE DETOX: ***It is not uncommon for age to become a topic of discussion in social gatherings. Sometimes, youngsters inadvertently highlight an elderly person's age, showing a lack of sensitivity. They might attribute certain behaviours or events to the person's age, when in reality, such things can happen to anyone, regardless of age.***

Be that as it may, age is no bar for learning when knowledge is a tap away on one's device or is obtained through the good old way — books. Additionally, getting to learn through venerable spiritual leaders is an opportunity hard to come by for commoners and harder to forego for learning enthusiasts.

So when I learnt that an irrepressible orator and teacher, Sree Sree Vishwapriyatheertha Swamiji of Udupi Admar Mutt, was to explain the Sumadhwa Vijaya authored by Narayana Panditacharya, I jumped on to the bandwagon of students. The book, in high-level Sanskrit, is a hagiographic description of the life of the exalted saint and founder of Dvaita philosophy, Madhwacharya and indeed it is through divine inspiration that the esteemed Swamiji has embarked upon enlightening the seekers. He is no ordinary teacher, as he leaves no stone unturned in explaining every word to the fullest extent, interpreting hidden meanings from his deep personal knowledge. It is a delight to listen to such an exalted teacher.

Apart from online sessions, the live classes held at his ashram in Udupi exude an aura that is beyond words. My husband, who had come along one day upon my request, continued to do so on all the following days, drawn towards the lively session.

"Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher," goes a Japanese proverb. A confusion regarding an orthodox practice that had been bothering me got cleared by him within no time with an apt solution. With a good teacher, you learn without actually seeming to.

It was a spiritual lesson, but the crowd of jigyasus — curious, eager learners — were in splits every now and then due to the humour embedded in the guru's verbal expressions. With our teacher and the ashram deity facing each other from a distance and the students, from 30s to 70s, on all sides, I had the experience of a unique gurukul — truly a detox. *— Sandhya Vasudev in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

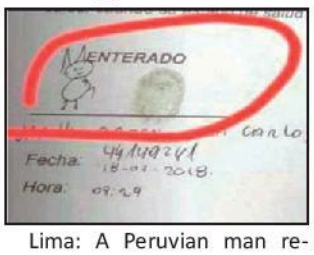
The craziest hoodie ever made

Tokyo: A fashion brand is selling a Yu–Gi–Oh!-inspired hoodie that lets you become Yugi Muto himself when you zip it all the way up.

'Craziest hoodie ever made' is a very bold claim, but it's the one Unoriginal Ideas is going with for its first – and so far only – creation, a purple hoodie with the iconic head of Yugi Muto for a hood.

The unique hoodie only comes in the colour purple, most likely to fit the Yugi Muto theme, is made of cotton and apart from its spiky-hair hood, it also features the iconic character's golden medallion embroidered with silk.

Man goes viral for his signature



Lima: A Peruvian man recently got his five minutes of online fame after his curious signature went viral on social media. Instead of the typical scribble or just a simple 'X', this guy always signs his name with the childish drawing of a kitten.

The man's signature went viral after a photo of his ID next to an official Police document signed by him were posted online by Police in the coastal town of Huarmey. He along with five other had been arrested on charges of gun possession and after being taken to the local Police Station and signed into jail, one signature drew the attention of officers on duty.

Instead of a name or a simple scribble, 31-year-old Juan Carlos Varillas Bazán had drawn a childish doodle of a kitten. Only after checking his ID and seeing that it featured the same drawing as a signature did they realise that they were not being trolled and that that was really the guy's signature. They thought it was hilarious so they posted the documents on the station's Facebook page for everyone to see.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Why does Urticaria occur ?

Urticaria occurs due to release of histamine in the skin. Triggers may include infections, medicines (especially painkillers), heat, cold, pressure, sweating, stress, or autoimmune causes. In many patients, no exact cause is found.

By Dr. Ravi S - Consultant – Dermatologist
Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

US honour for Kodagu researcher

Mysuru, Jan. 13- Theetharamada Dr. Devaki (Kollimada) has completed a prestigious Post-Doctoral Research Degree in Commerce from an institution in YUVA University Florida, USA.

She is the only lady from Kodagu to receive this honour in the field of Commerce.

Her post-doctoral study, titled 'Impact of Yoga Practice on Stress Management Among Higher Secondary School Students in Mysore District,' explored the effectiveness of structured yoga interventions in reducing stress levels among adolescents.

Dr. Devaki

The research offers valuable insights for educators, policymakers and wellness practitioners, highlighting yoga as a powerful tool for enhancing student well-being.

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REALLY...?

- ***The name "ocelot" comes from the Nahuatl word ōcēlōtl. This word usually referred to the jaguar, not the ocelot. Another idea is that the name comes from the Latin word ocellatus. This means "having little eyes" or "marked with eye-like spots." This makes sense because of the ocelot's spotted fur.***
- ***Ocelots usually live alone. They are most active during the evening and at night. During the day, they rest in trees or in dens under large trees. They also find other cool, safe spots on the ground.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

The absent-minded Professor told his wife that he can't be called so...

Wife: *Why dear?*

Professor: *Today neither I forgot my umbrella nor I forgot to post the letter.*

Wife: *Today is a postal holiday and you didn't take an umbrella!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 90.25**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 121.59**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 24.57**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 105.26**

VOICE OF THE READER

Road works: Public money swindled

Sir,

The above photo is testimony to the very poor and substandard quality of work being carried out by the agency executing the Bavali-Machur-Belle section of Mysuru-Manandavadi Inter-State Highway (SH-33), which comes under H.D. Kote Taluk.

Public money is being swindled and misutilised. This is a Rs. 20 crore project for just 10 kms.

We would like to draw the kind attention of the authorities concerned and seek immediate action in this matter.

—Concerned citizens

Mysuru 30.12.2025

Govt. releases Rs. 25 crore for cash crunched UoM

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (SPN&DM)- With the over a century-old University of Mysore (UoM) facing severe dearth of funds, the State Government on Monday released Rs. 25 crore to the UoM, thus bringing some relief for the cash crunched University.

In an order issued yesterday, the State Government released grants for 6 Universities only for payment of pensions (2025-26).

The Government released a total of Rs. 100 crore, including Rs. 25 crore each to UoM, Mysuru and Karnatak University, Dharwad, Rs. 5 crore to Bangalore University, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru and Rs. 15 crore each to Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi, Mangalore University, Mangaluru and Kuvempu University, Shivamogga.

While releasing funds for pension payments, the Government has also asked all the 6 Varsities to submit a report on utilisation of funds with supporting list.

It may be mentioned here that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who had attended an event in Mysuru last week, had assured to release funds to the financially ailing UoM, in which he had studied. In keeping with the assurance, the Government has released Rs.100 crore to 6 Universities for payment of pensions.

City gets 50 new traffic signals

Aim is to reduce accidents at black spots

Traffic signal installed at Hunsur Road-Gokulam Road junction recently.

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (VVH&VNS)- In an effort to reduce accidents and curb traffic violations, the Mysuru City Police have installed 50 new traffic signals at various junctions across the city.

The signals have been set up after identifying accident-prone black spots, including the Five Lights Circle near Nanjumalige.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Shivashankar said the signals were installed based on expert reports. "There have been several cases of injuries and fatalities in road accidents. Traffic violations have also increased in recent times, leading to frequent commotions on city roads, which particularly inconvenience senior citizens and women. The new traffic signals aim to prevent accidents and violations," he said.

Urging the public to cooperate with Police, Shivashankar said signal jumping has significantly contributed to the rise in accidents. "People cite various reasons for not wearing helmets and violations continue unchecked. Traffic signals are being installed mainly at junctions where four roads converge," he added.

Drawing a parallel between traffic violations and other crimes, he said, "Just as murder and robbery are treated as serious offences, traffic violations too must be viewed as crimes. People tend to take fines of Rs. 100, Rs. 200 or Rs. 500 lightly, but traffic violations can endanger the lives of other road users. We are creating awareness, but people must begin following rules on their own."

Accident hotspots

The Mysuru City Police have identified Manandavadi Road and the JLB Road junction near Nanjumalige as major accident hotspots. In addition, traffic signals have been installed at Ekalavya Circle, Abhishek Circle, Hi-Tension Double Road and Hunsur Main Road near B.M. Habitat Mall, among other locations prone to congestion.

Police officials said the initiative also aims to ensure smoother traffic flow as Mysuru, a major tourist destination, witnesses heavy footfall not only during Dasara but also on long weekends and holidays.

Smart traffic signals are also being installed near schools and colleges, markets, hospitals and other high-pedestrian zones to enhance safety.

Mixed reactions

While the Police maintain that the move will help reduce violations and accidents, the installation of traffic signals has evoked mixed reactions from the public. Some residents have argued that signals have been installed at locations with relatively low traffic density, affecting the smooth flow of vehicles. Former Mayor Shivakumar said traffic signals should be installed only where they are most needed.

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Mahalakshmi Sweets opens its 48th outlet in Shivamogga

Shree Mahalakshmi Sweets, Mysuru's well-known sweetmeat shop with many outlets across Mysuru and other places, opened its 48th outlet on Nehru Road in Shivamogga on Dec. 22, 2025. Shivamogga City MLA S.N. Channabasappa and former Minister Kumar Bangarappa inaugurated the shop in the presence of Mahalakshmi Sweets Managing Director Nithin Shivakumar and staff.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Traffic rules awareness

As part of Sankranti Festival, Gandhadagudi Foundation, in association with Mysuru City Traffic Police, has organised a traffic rules awareness programme for motorists at K.R. Circle in city at 10 am tomorrow (Jan. 14). The Foundation members will educate the erring motorists on the importance of following traffic rules and regulations by distributing *yellu-bella* (sesame-jaggery mixture). DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, Traffic ACP M. Shivashankar and Devaraja Traffic Police Inspector V.D. Mamatha will be present. For details, contact Mob: 83101-04746 or 99641-66845, according to a press release.

Inter-school painting contest

In order to promote creativity and to explore artistic talent among children, the city's Little Gems School has organised 'Mubashira Begum Inter-School painting contest' for school children and PU students at Gems School premises located on old Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, behind Jeelani Petrol Bunk, N.R. Mohalla, at 10 am on Jan. 17. The competition will be held under different categories — Category 0 - Pre KG, LKG and UKG; Category 1 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd standards (Painting of Transport vehicles); Category 2 - 4th and 5th standards (Traditional Indian dresses - Men & Women); Category 3 - 6th and 7th standards (Tourist spots of Mysuru); Category 4 - 8th, 9th and 10th standards (Historical places of India) and Category 5 - First and Second PUC (Natural History and Arts Museum). There will also be spot registrations on the day of competition. For registration and details, contact Mob: 70199-65961 or 99006-61239.

Ph.D awardees

K.S. Girish has been awarded Ph.D in Speech Language Pathology by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Development of Norms for Nasospeech in Typically Development Children' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M. Pushpavathi.

M. Tejaswini has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Facile Synthesis of Metal Oxide Nanomaterials and Their Applications' submitted under the guidance of Dr. C. Mallikarjunaswamy.

Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi visits Kuvempu residence

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (PM&DM)- With the family members of Poet Laureate Kuvempu willing to convert the poet's house 'Udayaravi' in V.V. Mohalla into a museum, Kannada & Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi paid visit to 'Udayaravi' yesterday and held talks with the family members.

The Minister was welcomed by the Poet Laureate's son-in-law Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda upon his arrival at the house located at 5th Main, 12th Cross, V.V. Mohalla. The Minister later had a close look at the *Rashtrakavi*'s study room, articles etc., and held talks with the family members.

Later speaking to press persons, Tangadagi said that he would first talk with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on converting 'Udayaravi' into a purposeful museum. "The family members of the Poet Laureate would be invited for talks only after the CM agrees to the proposal. As for me, I am personally inclined to convert the house into a worthy museum. The CM is scheduled to hold his pre-Budget meetings with all stakeholders in a couple of days, during which I will raise the proposed museum issue with him," he said.

Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, accompanied by officials of the Department, holding talks with Poet Laureate Kuvempu's daughter Tarini Chidananda Gowda, son-in-law Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda and other family members of the poet at Kuvempu's house 'Udayaravi' in V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru, yesterday.

Prof. Chidananda Gowda, who is also a former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University, said: "The Government had written a letter showing interest for development of Kuvempu's house when Siddaramaiah became the CM for the first time. Replying to the letter, we said that we were willing to hand over the house to the Government. While saying so, we had put a condition that the Government should provide a site of the same dimension at another locality in Mysuru and also fund the construction of a new house in that allotted site. Subsequently, a few Ministers paid visit to the house, when they said that the file remained with the CM. Then it seemed that the proposal went into limbo, with no further developments. Thereafter, the BJP Government came to power, during which some Ministers and officials visited the house. But still, no progress on talks regarding the establishment of museum happened."

Maintaining that all the family members of Kuvempu have decided to form a Trust for converting 'Udayaravi' into a museum as a lot of people have been visiting the house, Prof. Chidananda Gowda said that an outhouse is being constructed in the premises with the purpose of establishing a museum.

"We have planned to move to this outhouse and convert the main house of 'Udayaravi' into a museum," he pointed out.

Land grab: Congress hits back at BJP leader; defends Chamaraja MLA

Mysuru, Jan.13 (GA&DM)- Accusing BJP leader Dr. Shushrutha Gowda of making irresponsible and baseless remarks against Chamaraja Congress MLA K. Harishgowda, City Congress Spokesperson S. Rajesh said that the MLA had merely directed officials to take stringent action against attempts to grab prime land belonging to the Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust in Jayalakshmipuram.

K. Harishgowda

Addressing a press meet on Sunday, Rajesh said that the MLA's firm stand on protecting the land had proved to be a "hard pill to swallow" for Dr. Shushrutha Gowda.

Rajesh said that the khata of 10 acres of prime land adjacent to the Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, falling under Hinkal Survey No. 155, was hurriedly transferred in the names of a few individuals. The irregularity was reported in *Mysuru Mithra*, sister concern of *Star of Mysore*, in 2024.

City Congress Spokesperson S. Rajesh addressing the press meet on Sunday.

"Following the report, two Revenue officials of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) were suspended, and it also came to light that a large land mafia was behind the deal. Subsequently, Chamaraja MLA Harishgowda demanded that the MCC Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner cancel the khata," Rajesh said.

He further alleged that, in the meantime, Dr. Shushrutha Gowda had illegally entered into a deed relating to possession of the said land. "When the MLA raised questions over the illegality, Dr. Shushrutha Gowda began making baseless allegations against him," Rajesh claimed.

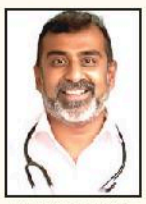
Demanding the immediate arrest of Dr. Shushrutha Gowda for the alleged illegalities related to the land, Rajesh warned that the Congress would launch a massive agitation if no action was taken.

Rejecting allegations that Harishgowda had done little for the Constituency, Rajesh said Chamaraja was the most developed Assembly segment in the city. He claimed that the MLA had secured grants worth Rs. 800 crore for the Constituency within a short span of two years.

Congress leaders Dr. Nagaraj, Venkatesh, Siddaiah, Praveen, Ramu and Rajkumar were present at the press meet.

'Dispute is sub judice'

Reacting to the remarks made by the Congress Spokesperson, BJP leader Dr. Shushrutha Gowda said that his Advocate, O. Sham Bhat, had already provided all clarifications regarding the 10 acres of land under Hinkal Survey No. 155 at a press meet held on Sept. 22, 2024.



Dr. Shushrutha

Pointing out that the matter is currently before the Court, Dr. Gowda said, a ruling is yet to be delivered. He maintained that since the issue is sub judice, no individual or organisation has the right to make prejudicial comments or issue misleading statements.

He cautioned that such actions would amount to Contempt of Court and could also invite defamation proceedings. Emphasising that all parties must abide by the Court's decision, Dr. Gowda said, statements should strictly remain within the purview of the law.

He further warned that legal action would be initiated against anyone making defamatory or damaging statements.

Geeth Gaatha Chal enthrals...

Dr. Umesh Kamath

Dr. Natashekhar

Dr. Kushalappa

Dr. Hemalatha

Dr. Somanath Vasudeva

Dr. Seethalakshmy

Mysuru, Jan. 13- The 24th edition of ***Geeth Gaatha Chal,*** one of Mysuru's most popular cultural and musical programmes, was held successfully on Jan. 11, 2026, at the Platinum Jubilee Hall of MMC&RI at JK Grounds.

The event once again lived up to its reputation of offering a unique blend of nostalgia, discipline and musical camaraderie, drawing a packed and appreciative audience.

Conceptualised as a platform where doctors and their family members showcase their musical talent, *Geeth Gaatha Chal (GGC)* has, over the years, evolved into a signature cultural event in the city.

The programme featured a rich repertoire of evergreen Hindi and Kannada film songs, presented with finesse and heartfelt emotion, evoking warm memories among listeners.

The event was sponsored by noted entrepreneur and industrialist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy and his wife Kusuma Shenoy.

The audience was welcomed by Dr. M.S. Natashekhar, one of the founding members of *Geeth Gaatha Chal.*

Dr. Arun Srinivas of Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, being felicitated by Dr. Umesh Kamath and Dr. Jagannath Shenoy.

Chief guest Dr. Arun Srinivas, Head of the Department of Cardiology at Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, was felicitated on the occasion for his services in the field of medicine.

Speaking on the occasion, he lauded the initiative for promoting wellness through music.

He also paid tribute to senior doctors in the audience who were his role models.

Dr. K.C. Belliappa, former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, the guest of honour, spoke on the calming and unifying power of music, especially for professionals in demanding fields.

Presiding over the programme, Chairperson Dr. Somanath Vasudeva highlighted the importance of blending innovation with tradition. He and the Co-Chairperson Dr. Seethalakshmy Somanath introduced a new segment in the programme called *"Raag Pe Charcha."*

The musical programme started with a soulful rendition of a Kannada song *Baanallu Neene...* by Dr. A.L. Hemalatha while Dr. Natashekhar sang *Jeevan Se Bhari...* which brought nostalgic memories.

This was followed by *Meri Bheegi Bheegi Si...* from the film *Anamika* by Dr. P.A. Kushalappa. Dr. Shivani and Apoorva, two young stars, rendered a beautiful duet *Bachpan Ki Mohabbat...* originally picturised on kids and they recreated the same picture.

Dr. Snehashree then presented *Aji Rooth Kar Ab...* followed by a Dr. Rajkumar hit *Jeenina Holeyo...* by Dr. Ganesh Rao.

Dr. U.G. Shenoy and Sparsha rendered the duet *Teri Aankhon Ke Siva...* wonderfully. The next song *Tera Mera Pyar Amar...* from *Asli-Naqli* was soulfully rendered by Dr. Seethalakshmy.

This was followed by a rousing number *Main Hoon Jhoom Jhoom Jhumroo...* by Dr. Somanath with classic yodelling which brought the crowd on its feet.

Dr. Preethi Prabhu then came up with an absolute stunner *Aye Mere Watan Ke Logo...* which brought tears in the eyes of the audience. She was also felicitated on stage for both her academic achievements and her long innings in *GGC* from the age of 9 years.

Dr. Amrutha then sang *Aaj Phir Jeene Ki Tamanna Hai...* The new entrant Nikhil Prabhu then produced a mind-blowing rendition of the famous *Natana Visharada* song and the icing on the cake was the simultaneous dancing by Sparsha which evoked several applauses.

Dr. Shyam Prasad then sang the Rafi number *Yun To Humne...* in his inimitable style. This was followed by *Jayiye Aap Kahan...* by Varsha, *Hoovinda Hoovige...* by Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy and another classical Kannada number *Aaradhisuve Madanari...* by yet another new entrant Dr. K. Manjunath.

"Raag Pe Charcha"

A major highlight of this year's edition was *"Raag Pe Charcha,"* an audience-interactive segment that invited listeners to identify the 'classical raag' underlying a popular film song and then they were asked to guess six songs of that raag which were then sung by four different singers.

This innovation which featured the 'Raag Yaman' was met with enthusiastic participation.

The programme was ably compered by Syed Aftab, whose lively, articulate and audience-friendly anchoring added to the overall charm of the evening.

Overall, ***Geeth Gaatha Chal - 24th Edition*** stood out as a fine celebration of music, culture and community spirit, reaffirming its place as a cherished fixture in Mysuru's cultural calendar.

Dr. Amrutha

Dr. Manjunath

Dr. Preethi Prabhu

Dr. Shyam Prasad

Dr. Sushma

Nikhil Prabhu

Shivani

MUSICAL ENSEMBLE: ***Geeth Gaatha Chal team seen with chief guests Dr. Anjali Arun, Consultant Pathologist, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru; Dr. Arun Srinivas, Head, Department of Cardiology, Apollo BGS Hospitals; Ralie Ganapathy, Executive Director, Academy Newspapers Private Limited (publishers of*** *Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra*)***; Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Art Patron & Industrialist; Dr. K.C. Belliappa, former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh; Thara Belliappa; Dr. C. Umesh Kamath, Patron and Rekha Kamath.***

Mysuru's Planetarium to open next month

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The project is being overseen by the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India and is managed by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

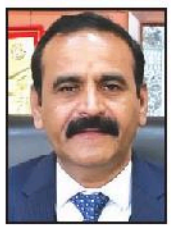
Part of COSMOS project

The Planetarium is part of the Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS) project taken up with support from the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India.

Construction began after Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation stone on March 6, 2022. The facility is being developed through a collaboration between the UoM and IIA.

Date after Budget Session

UoM VC Prof. Lokanath said the inauguration date is expected to be announced by the Finance Minister after the conclusion of Parliament Budget Session. The ceremony is likely to be held in the third or fourth week of February.



Prof. Lokanath

He added that he has inspected the site several times and is in constant coordination with IIA officials regarding the inauguration arrangements.

Out of the University's 25-acre land parcel at the Chamundi foothills, 3.5 acres were allotted to IIA for the project. The three-storey building has come up amid the scenic natural surroundings and is envisioned as a hub for cosmology education, research and training.

The facility features a visually striking 15-metre Light Emitting Diode (LED) dome Planetarium with a 15-degree tilt.

The LED dome uses arrays of lights mounted directly on the interior of the dome, creating a seamless and immersive visual experience. It offers superior brightness, sharper resolution, a wider colour range and improved contrast compared to conventional projection-based Planetariums, resulting in vivid and vibrant visuals.

The COSMOS high-tech 15-metre LED dome planetarium with an 8K resolution will be the world's first tilted LED dome planetarium.

The development of the LED Dome and the civil construction are currently underway at the Chamundi Hill Campus of the University of Mysore.

The COSMOS planetarium is poised to become a new landmark for tourism in Mysuru. It adds a compelling new dimension to Mysuru's rich cultural and heritage landscape - inviting visitors to look not just at history, but also at the universe beyond.

It will encourage tourism, create jobs and reinforce Mysuru's image as a city that blends heritage with knowledge and innovation."

Hello Rahuljiii...

CM & Dy.CM take aircraft together from Bengaluru to Mysuru just to welcome Rahul Gandhi!

Rahul Gandhi lands in Mysore Airport by aircraft and takes off to Gudalur in Tamil Nadu by helicopter

Mysuru, Jan. 13- Even as the leadership issue in the ruling State Congress continues to be a topic of hot debate in political circles, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar arrived in city this afternoon at 2.10 from Bengaluru by a special aircraft to meet Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi at Mysore Airport.

Rahul Gandhi arrived at Mysore Airport at 2.15 pm on his way to attend the Golden Jubilee celebration of a school at Gudalur in Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu.

Both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar, who is also the KPCC President, did not want to miss this opportunity of meeting Rahul Gandhi, especially in the backdrop of the issue of leadership change and proposal for Cabinet reshuffle, which are being talked about over the past few months.

Rahul Gandhi, who landed at Mysore Airport, where tight security was in place, did not come to the lounge to relax but instead took a helicopter for Gudalur immediately after the CM and Deputy CM welcomed him with bouquets.

Though the CM and the Dy.CM were to hold talks with Rahul, they only had a photo session with their top leader.

Rs. 5 crore from MPLADS funds, posts Nirmala on X

***Indian Institute of Astrophysics Director Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam** (extreme right) **briefing Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman about the progress of planetarium in Mysuru during November 2024 as MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and others look on** [File photo].*

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (RK&BCT)- In an update, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Office posted on X platform on Jan. 11, 2026: "She has allocated Rs. 5 crore from her MP-LADS funds for the Cosmology Education and Research-Training Centre (COSMOS Mysuru) project and laid the foundation stone in March 2022.

Dr. Annapurni

She was actively involved in the ideation and planning of Digistar-7 planetarium, envisioned to spark curiosity and deepen interest in space science and cosmology among the young ones.

A new landmark: MP

"This major Panetarium project will add a new landmark to Mysuru's standing as a premier tourist destination. It will open fresh avenues for local development while further strengthening the city's heritage as a centre of knowledge. Once completed, the project is expected to emerge as one of Mysuru's prominent tourist and knowledge hubs. On behalf of the people, I express my gratitude to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for her commitment to implementing initiatives that inspire future generations and contribute to long-term development."

— Yaduveer Wadiyar, Mysuru-Kodagu MP

RTO launches 26 online services

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (MTY&DM)- To end the menace of agents and middlemen, the Regional Transport Office (RTO) has launched 26 online services for the benefit of vehicle owners.

Addressing a press meet at RTO (West) Office in Chamarajapuram this morning, RTO Vasanth Eshwar Chauhan said the services have been introduced through 'Sarathi' software.

The online service for issuance of 26 types of services will eliminate the menace of agents and at the same time maintain transparency in delivery of services, Chauhan said adding the services include issuance of Driving Licence (DL), Learner's Licence (LLR), Registration Certificate (RC), Transfer of ownership of vehicles, No Objection Certificate (NOC) for transfer, Duplicate DL, RC etc., in case of loss and the like.

As per Government Order, automated driving tracks are being used for issuance of DL and Automated Fitness Testing Centres too have been set up for testing fitness of vehicles, he said.

Reacting to complaints on technical issues in Mysuru RTO Office, Chauhan admitting that technical glitches are hampering services in Mysuru, said that the fees are being collected from service seekers at Mandya and Tumakuru RTO Offices for the time being and the related tests are conducted in Mysuru.

He expressed hope that the technical glitches in the software at Mysuru RTO Office will be resolved in a month.

RTO Vasanth Chauhan** (left) **and ARTO C.N. Ramachandra during the press meet today.

Replying to a question on the delay in issuance of cards in respect of DL, RC, FC etc., he said the cards are being printed at the Transport Department's Central Office in Bengaluru and as such there has been over 15-day delay in issuance of the cards, which will be addressed shortly.

Noting that the distribution of 8,000 cards is pending in the old software, he said that these cards will be issued in stages with the new software.

Continuing, Chauhan said in keeping with the Government's direction not to issue FC for vehicles aged over 15 years, FC will not be issued to any Government vehicle that have completed 15 years of service.

On reports of old KSRTC buses emitting thick smoke from exhaust, he said that the Transport Department will soon hold a meeting with KSRTC officials to discuss the matter.

ARTO C.N. Ramachandra was present at the press meet.

Swami Vivekananda remembered

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (SPN&DM)- Marking the 163rd anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, students of Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Yadavagiri, took out a grand procession in the city yesterday.

Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram head Swami Muktidanandaji launched the procession after offering floral tributes to the statue of Swami Vivekananda at Cheluvamba Park in Vontikoppal. The procession passed through Kalidasa Road, Temple Road and V.V. Puram Police Station, before returning to the Vidyashala.

Speaking on the occasion, Swami Muktidanandaji said that the Union Government has declared Jan. 12, the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, as the National Youth Day.

Stressing on the need for celebrating the day in a most purposeful manner, he called upon everyone to strive for maintaining unity and integrity of the country.

Swami Yukteshanandaji, Swami Mahamedanandaji and others were present.

KRS party holds anti-drugs awareness programme in city

KRS party Hon. President Krishna Reddy addressing the gathering at the convention in the Town Hall premises yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (GA&KS)- In a bid to create awareness among youths on the ill-effects of drugs, the city unit of Karnataka Rashtra Samithi (KRS) party had organised an awareness jatha and convention in city yesterday.

Party's Hon. President Krishna Reddy, who garlanded the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the Town Hall premises, inaugurated the convention. Speaking on the occasion, Reddy said that the party has been fighting against bribes since seven years and is now fighting for drugs-free society and for jobs.

Stating that narcotic substances were available everywhere including villages, he said that if it continues many will be childless and there will be health hazards.

Later, an awareness rally was taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, which passed through the main thoroughfares of city and culminated near Basaveshwara statue. KRS party State President C.N. Deepak, District in-Charge Ravi Kumar, Raghu Janagere, Janagi Vatsala, Somasundar, Manjunath, Raghupathi Bhat and Nagendra, Ravindra participated.

Workshop on solid waste management for civic workers

Pourakarmikas attending the day-long Capacity Building Training Workshop on Solid Waste Management organised under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 at Hemavathy Auditorium in Administrative Training Institute (ATI) premises on Lalitha Mahal Road in city this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (MK&TRR)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had organised a day-long Capacity Building Training Workshop on Solid Waste Management for Pourakarmikas under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 at Hemavathy Auditorium in Administrative Training Institute (ATI) on Lalitha Mahal Road in city this morning.

Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 aims to create garbage-free cities by 2026 through 100 percent waste processing, sustained sanitation, used water management, citizen participation and digital innovation for cleaner and healthier urban spaces.

The workshop was inaugurated by MLC C.N. Manjegowda.

Speaking at the workshop, Regional Commissioner (RC) Nitesh Patil described Pourakarmikas as real heroes and said that without their hard work it is impossible to project Mysuru as a clean city.

"Because of the dedicated efforts of civic workers, Mysuru has bagged the special honour of a clean city. When your experience is combined with scientific methods, it helps achieve skill development. That is why workshops like these are organised. There is lack of awareness among citizens about cleanliness and there is a need to create more awareness," said the Regional Commissioner.

Stating that MCC is ready to give quality safety equipment to Pourakarmikas, he said, "there is no dearth of funds and we ensure that civic workers are allowed to choose quality equipment for their safety. We also have plans to develop colonies to civic workers and provide them with facilities like gym, auditorium and club house," he added.

State Institute of Urban Development (SIUD) Director Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, who also spoke said, "We need to believe in our ability and then only we can achieve anything. When Mysuru city slumped to 23rd position there was widespread criticism. After that, everyone worked hard day and night to bring Mysuru to the 3rd position. We need to ensure that Mysuru is not placed lower than that and we should start using technologies for waste management that are implemented at many places."

MCC Health Officer Dr. Venkatesh, MCC Zonal Commissioners K. Ramesh, Manjunath Reddy and Ravikiran and others were present on the occasion.

House burglar, two-wheeler lifters arrested

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (KS)- In separate cases, Kuvempunagar and Lashkar Police have arrested a house burglar and two-wheeler lifters and have recovered the stolen jewellery and two-wheelers from them.

In a case pertaining to house burglary, Kuvempunagar Police, on Jan. 6 have arrested a person at Palam village, East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh, thus solving three house burglary cases committed in their jurisdiction. Following the arrest of the accused, the Cops have recovered 20 grams gold ornaments and 310 grams silver articles, worth Rs. 2.6 lakh besides seizing a car used for the crimes.

The accused had cases already registered at Hubballi and Mangaluru Police Stations and also at various Police Stations in Andhra Pradesh.

On Jan. 4, Lashkar Police have arrested two persons on charges of lifting two-wheelers and have recovered three Suzuki Burgman scooters, valued at Rs. 2.5 lakh from them.

Following the arrest of the two accused, the Police have solved one two-wheeler lifting case each at Lashkar, Udayagiri and NR Police Stations in city.

Obituary

Chenanda M. Bopanna

Mysuru, Jan. 13- Chenanda M. Bopanna (Muthu), a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away this morning in city. He was 86. He leaves behind his son Jerry Mandanna, daughter Kodimaniyanda Jessica Nanjunda and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage tomorrow (Jan. 14) at 10 am.

Nagarajaiah

Nagarajaiah (79), a retired employee of Mysore Sugar Company Ltd. (Mysugar) in Mandya and a resident of Roopa Nagar in Mysuru, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Gayathri, sons Dr. G.N. Narendra Babu and G.N. Naveen Kumar and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native place B. Gowdagere in Mandya district today, according to family sources.

Mahadeva Kumar

Nanjangud: Mahadeva Kumar (Mahesh), a resident of Karepura village in the taluk, passed away yesterday at the village. He was 48.

He leaves behind his wife Mani, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the village this afternoon, according to family sources.

Culture Minister inaugurates National Theatre Festival

Senior theatre person Heisnam Sabitri Devi from Manipur being felicitated with 'Belli Bahuroopi Ranga Gaurava' by Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur during the inauguration of 25th edition of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises in Mysuru last evening. Also seen are (from left) Rangayana Deputy Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Department of Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Department of Kannada & Culture Secretary J. Manjunath, Kannada & Culture Minister Shivaraj S. Tangadagi, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Ranga Samaja Member H.S. Suresh Babu and Senior Theatre Artiste Hulugappa Kattimani.

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (PM&VNS)- The 25th edition of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival was formally inaugurated by Minster for Kannada & Culture Shivaraj S. Tangadagi by unveiling the 'Amurta Shilpa' of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar installed in front of Vanaranga at Rangayana premises yesterday.

Later, addressing the gathering during the inaugural event, Minister Tangadagi said that this year's Bahuroopi was not only special for its 25th edition, but also for celebrating Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who gave us the Constitution through which even a commoner could reach the topmost position in the country.

"Rangayana Mysuru has long history. Stalwarts including 'Ranga Bhishma' B.V. Karanth and the directors who followed him have worked for the growth of Rangayana. Following the success of Rangayana Mysuru, other branches have been started in Dharwad, Kalaburagi and other locations to support theatre culture in the State. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has also released Rs. one crore for the 25th edition of Bahuroopi," he said.

Rangayana Mysuru also felicitated Heisnam Sabitri Devi, a *Padma Shri* awardee and a renowned theatre person from Manipur, with 'Belli Bahuroopi Ranga Gaurava.'

Speaking on the occasion, Heisnam Sabitri Devi expressed her gratitude on being invited to Bahuroopi and remembered her days with stalwarts B.V. Karanth and Heisnam Kanhailal.

She also congratulated Rangayana Mysuru for the 25th edition of Bahuroopi.

24 plays to be staged

This year's Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival will witness a total of 24 plays. Out of it, 12 plays based on Dr. Ambedkar's life, contribution, research and movements will be staged in different languages. This apart, six plays on Dr. Ambedkar will be staged by children as part of Children's Bahuroopi.

Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi also released the souvenir of Bahuroopi Theatre Festival and also inaugurated the book and handicrafts exhibition. Also, a special photo exhibition on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar has been organised at Ranga Chavadi in Rangayana premises till Jan. 18.

Department of Kannada & Culture Secretary J. Manjunath, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Department of Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Mysuru Director Satish Tiptur, Deputy Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Ranga Samaja Member H.S. Suresh Babu and others were present on the occasion.

Kannada & Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, who inaugurated the Bahuroopi Books and Handicrafts Expo in Rangayana yesterday, is seen interacting with one of the artisans as Dept. of Kannada & Culture Secretary J. Manjunath, DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and others look on.

Bahuroopi Baba Saheb

25th National Theatre Festival at Rangayana

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 13)

CHILDREN'S BAHUROOPI at Kalamandira

7 pm : Staging of play 'Roopantara' (Kannada); 75 minutes; Concept: Kaliyuva Mane Children; Design & Direction: Rajesh Madhavan; Troupe: Kaliyuva Mane.

PLAY at Bhoomigeeta

6.30 pm : Staging of play 'Bob Marely from Kodihalli' (Kannada); 95 minutes; Text Inspired: N.K. Hanumantaiah & K. Chandrashekhar; Dramaturg: V.L. Narasimhamurthy; Playwright, Design and Direction: K.P. Lakshman; Troupe: Jangama Collective, Bengaluru.

PLAY at Vanaranga

7 pm : Staging of play 'Dadan Raja (Rabha)'; 65 minutes; Playwright: Madan Rabha; Direction: Dhananjay Rabha; Troupe: Badungduppa Kalakendra, Assam.

PLAY at Mini Theatre

7 pm : Staging of play 'Koohoo' (Malayalam); 100 minutes; Playwright, Stage Adaptation, Direction: Arunlal; Troupe: Little Earth School of Theatre, Kerala.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 14)

FILM FESTIVAL at Sriranga Auditorium

10 am : Screening of 'Musahar' (Hindi); 54 minutes; Director: Abhinav Pandeyi.

12 noon : Screening of 'Jai Bhim Comrade 2' (Hindi - 2011); 60 minutes; Director: Anand Patwardhan.

2 pm : Screeningof'Kalchoudi'(Kannada-2016);75minutes; Director: Girish Machalli.

CHILDREN'S BAHUROOPI at Kalamandira

11 am & 7 pm : Staging of play 'Surya Chandra' (Kannada); 60 mins; Playwright: Dr. Kota Shivarama Karantha; Direction: Rohith S. Baikadi; Troupe: Dhamani, Tekkatte.

PLAY at Bhoomigeeta

6.30 pm : Staging of play 'Pi Thadoi' (Manipuri); 90 minutes; Playwright and Direction: Heisnam Tomba Singh; Troupe: Kalakshetra, Manipur.

PLAY at Vanaranga

7 pm : Staging of play 'Same Same But Different' (English, Hindi); 90 minutes; Playwright and Direction: Sapan Saran; Troupe: Thamaasha Theatre, Goregaon West, Mumbai.

PLAY at Mini Theatre

7 pm : Staging of play 'Bellada Doni' (Kannada); 75 minutes; Playwright: Hanuru Channappa; Direction: Rubin Sanjay; Troupe: Rangavahini, Chamarajanagar.

DAILY Feature

- Folk Performances at Kindarijogi premises
- Books Exhibition
- Handicrafts Exhibition & Demonstration
- Desi Food Festival
- Painting Exhibition
- University of Mysore's Prasaranga's stall to sell books published by Prasaranga at a special discount price.

Prize winners of 37th Edition of NR Golf Open Championship & 11th Match Play-2025

A group photo of the prize winners of the 37th Edition of NR Golf Open Championship-2025 held at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) recently. Seen in the picture are *(sitting front row - from left)* ***Jhatin A. Ahuja, N. Maneesh, Arun Srinivas, Deepak Kumar Jain, M. Chirayu, M.S. Shashank and Dr. S.N. Chandan;*** *(middle row - from left)* ***JWGC Tournament Committee Chairman Phalguna V. Urs, JWGC Hon. Secretary K.S. Sudheer Bhat, JWGC President H.S. Arun Kumar, Cycle Pure Agarbathi Managing Director Arjun Ranga, JWGC Captain M.S. Yeshwanth and Hon. Treasurer D.V. Sridhar;*** *(standing row - from left)* ***Tanuush S. Kumar, R. Madhusudan, Samarth S. Urs, M.S. Dinesh Kumar, H.S. Umesh, Vijay Kumar H. Bennur, B. Mahaswin, Smitha S. Prabhakar and Gautam Hegde.***

A group photo of the prize winners of the 11th Edition of Match Play-2025. Seen are *(standing row - from left)* ***M. Chirayu, Nainika V. Kumar, D. Ashok, Wg. Cdr. B.M. Dhananjay, H.D. Thimmappa Gowda and M.A. Ganesh.***

Mysuru, Jan. 13 - Following are the prize winners of the 37th Edition of NR Golf Open Championship-2025 played at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club in Mysuru from Jan. 9 to 11:

Strokeplay Gross - 36 Holes: Deepak Kumar Jain (153 Gross) - Winner; Arun Srinivas (155 Gross) - Runner (Better Back 9 Over M.S. Dinesh Kumar).

Strokeplay Net (H/C 0 to 12) - 36 Holes: Tanuush S. Kumar (140 Net) - Winner; Dr. S.N. Chandan (141 Net) - Runner.

Strokeplay Net (H/C 13 to 18) - 36 Holes: Samarth S. Urs (131 Net) - Winner; H.S. Umesh (134 Net) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 18) - 36 Holes: B. Mahaswin (78 Points) - Winner; M.S. Shashank (76 Points) - Runner.

Stableford Gross - 18 Holes: M.S. Dinesh Kumar (31 Gross) -Winner; N. Maneesh (29 Gross) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 19 to 24) - 18 Holes: M.A. Ramesh (42 Points) - Winner; Gautam Hegde (40 Points) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) for Seniors 65 Years & Above - 18 Holes: Dr. T. Manjunath (39 Points) - Winner; R. Madhusudan (36 Points) - Runner (Better Back 9 Over Dr. H.B. Chandrashekar and Prabhakar K. Appaiah).

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) for Super Seniors 75 Years & Above - 18 Holes: Vijay Kumar H. Bennur (38 Points) - Winner.

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 30) for Ladies - 18 Holes: Smitha S. Prabhakar (34 Points) - Winner (Better Back 9 Over Nainika V. Kumar).

Longest Drive - 9th Hole: Jhatin A. Ahuja (295 Yards) - Winner.

Nearest to the Pin - 6th Hole: M. Chirayu (1 Feet 11 Inches) - Winner.

Following are the prize winners of 11th Edition of JWGC-NR Match Play Championship-2025:

Match Play Singles Gross Event: Shridhar Singh - Winner; M. Chirayu - Runner.

Match Play Singles Net Event: Nainika V. Kumar - Winner; Dr. T.M. Prashanth - Runner.

Match Play Doubles Net Event: Wg. Cdr. B.M. Dhananjay & D. Ashok - Winners; V. Prakash & Dr. T.M. Prashanth - Runners.

Match Play Singles Net Event for Seniors: L.N. Nataraj - Winner; M.A. Ganesh - Runner.

Match Play Singles Net Event for Super Seniors: S.K. Ramalinge Gowda - Winner; H.D. Thimmappa Gowda - Runner.

A total of 266 players took part in the Championship sponsored by N. Ranga Rao & Sons, Mysuru, according to a press release from JWGC Tournament Committee Chairperson Phalguna V. Urs and JWGC Hon. Secretary K.S. Sudheer Bhat.

Selected for chess

R. Ragini *M. Shivakumar*

Mysuru, Jan. 13- R. Ragini and M. Shivakumar, both 8th std. students at Acharya Gurukula Vidyapeetha, Nanjangud, have been selected to represent Karnataka at the 69th National Chess Championship to be held at Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Both had recently emerged victorious at U-14 State-level Chess Tournament for Boys and Girls organised by the Department of School Education at Adichunchanagiri in Mandya.

Residents of Kalale village in Nanjangud Taluk, both come from agricultural families.

NCC Day celebrated at JSS Polytechnic

Mysuru, Jan. 13- NCC Day was celebrated at JSS Polytechnic in city recently.

Lt. Col. Ananta Keshava, 1 KAR ENG Coy NCC, Mysuru, NB Sub. Mallappa Jaggal, Hav. Harish, Hav. Niranjan and Hav. Mahesh, were the chief guests.

Dr. Bhaktavatsala, Principal, JSS Polytechnic, presided. The programme began with NCC activities, where ANO Captain Harshakumar presented the NCC Annual Report for the year 2024-25, highlighting the achievements and activities of the NCC Unit.

NCC cadets showcased their discipline and skills through NCC drill demonstrations, speeches and cultural performances.

A Rank Pipping Ceremony was also conducted. The ranks were awarded to deserving cadets by the dignitaries and JSS Polytechnic staff.

The Principal and chief guests addressed the gathering, motivating the cadets to uphold the values of discipline, leadership and national service.

Al Kareem School excel in zonal tournaments

Mysuru, Jan. 13- Girls team of Al Kareem School excelled in the recently held zonal-level throwball and ball badminton tournaments, here in city recently. While the throwball team won first place, the ball badminton team ended up in second place.

Throwball team: Tanziya, Faqhiya, Aneesa, Tasmiya Fathima, Fathima Zoya, Sumiya Banu, Zoya Jan, Amreen Taj, Ameena, Farheen Taj, Aliya Fathima, Zoya Sultana and Sakeena Hooriya

Ball Badminton team: Shabreen, Hajira, Fathima Zoya, Aliya Fathima, Farheen Taj, Noorain, Anam Fathima, Sumiya Banu, Tasmiya Fathima, and Tanziya Banu.

WORD OF THE DAY

Brackish

Pronunciation: BRACK-ish (adjective).
Meaning: Brackish, meaning "somewhat salty," usually describes water or bodies of water, such as rivers, lakes and estuaries. The word can also mean "not appealing to the taste" or "repulsive."
Origin: When the word brackish first appeared in English in the 1500s, it simply meant "salty," as did its Dutch parent brac. Then, as now, brackish was used to describe water that was a mixture of saltwater and freshwater, such as one encounters where a river meets the sea. Since that time, however, brackish has developed the additional meanings of "unpalatable" and "repulsive," presumably because of the oozy, mucky and sometimes stinky (or stinkyish, if you prefer) — not just salty — qualities of coastal estuaries and swamps.
Example: "The blood-testing organs don't measure water levels but rather the concentration of salt, whose healthy range lies at almost exactly the same concentration as that of the brackish intertidal water in which vertebrates first evolved (which is about one-third as salty as seawater)." — Dan Samorodnitsky, Wired, 28 Sept. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Labiomancy

Lip reading.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Greatest thing since sliced bread

Meaning: The idiom 'Greatest thing since sliced bread' means that something is best & most useful innovation or development invented for a long time.
Origin: Sliced bread was first introduced in 1928 by Otto Frederick Rohwedder from Davenport, Iowa, who invented the first loaf-at-a-time bread slicing machine. However, the first record of idiom is thought to be in 1952, where the famous comedian Red Skelton said in an interview with the Salisbury Times: "Don't worry about television. It's the greatest thing since sliced bread."
Example: "I've bought a new touchscreen computer, it's the greatest thing since sliced bread, I can't believe I ever worked without it".

QUOTE BOX

Not life, but good life, is to be chiefly valued.—**Socrates**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Line up in single file.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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2	8	9	7	3	1	6	5	4
3	5	6	4	2	8	9	7	1
1	7	4	5	6	9	2	3	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

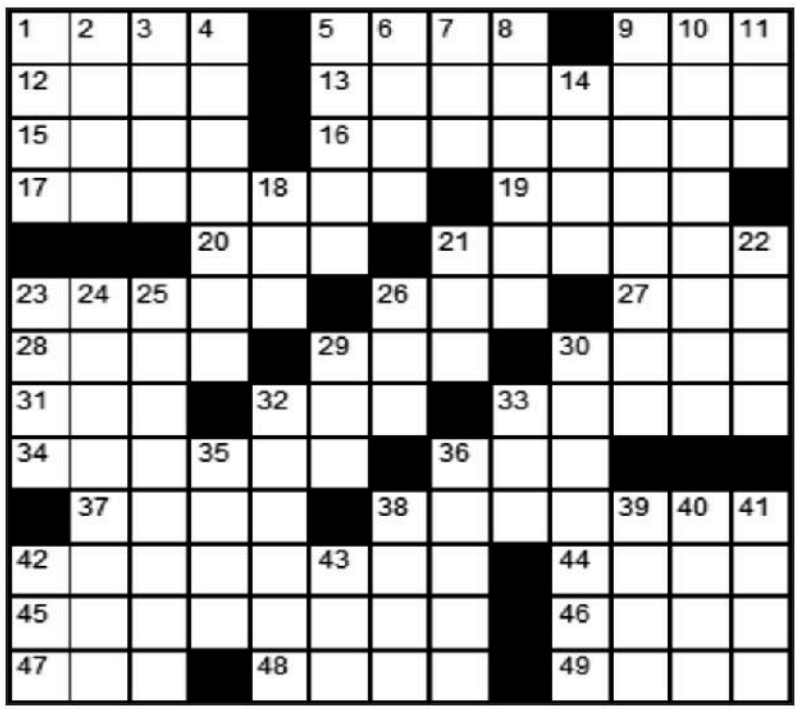
1 Indian monarch or king
5 "Hold it!"
9 Debussy heroine
12 Foul-smelling
13 Making haste
15 Goya's "The Duchess of __"
16 Sarcastic, cynical or skeptical
17 Revulsion
19 Oil group
20 Bother
21 Abundance
23 Marshy tributary
26 Seedcase
27 Spy agcy.
28 Aircraft Collision Avoidance Sys.
29 Shanty
30 Sunny or Esha of Bollywood
31 Tic ___ toe
32 Used a shovel
33 Oise tributary
34 To stick where stuck
36 Beetle - "rod" anagram?
37 "To be" in Paris?
38 Detests or hates intensely
42 Exclusion
44 Inactive
45 Delicately fashioned (4-4)
46 German name - "Mile" anagram?
47 Children's game of chasing and touching
48 Skywalker mentor
49 Cambodian monetary unit

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	A	P		Y	E	G	G		J	A	R	S
B	I	O		A	M	O	R		O	G	P	U
B	R	O	C	C	O	L	I		H	O	M	E
A	S	H	O	K		F	E	T	A			
			G	E	L		G	A	N	D	H	I
T	I	P	S	T	E	R		K	N	E	A	D
E	S	A		Y	O	U	R	E		N	I	L
E	A	R	L	Y		N	U	N	N	E	R	Y
M	Y	R	I	A	D		M	O	O			
			O	K	R	A		T	R	O	V	E
L	E	A	N		O	P	T	I	M	I	S	T
A	X	L	E		L	A	I	C		L	O	N
T	E	L	L		L	E	S	E		S	P	A

DOWN

1 Traffic way
2 ___ ___ have : everything that is owned by me? (3,1)
3 Triangular sails
4 Slow musical movements
5 Beat
6 Injured
7 Spanish gold
8 Sri Lankan batsman Russel ___
9 Permits
10 Operating or functioning? (2,6)
11 Above ground level
14 Exclamation of fright
18 Neighbor of Arg.
21 Cooking vessel
22 American University or famous lock ?
23 Shoe company: __ India Ltd.
24 World of scholars
25 Pleasure sailing
26 Abbreviated from of 'pugilist'
29 Tint
30 Filthier or more soiled
32 Showy in appearance
33 Angle-of-attack
35 Irish or Scottish Gaelic?
36 Italian lady
38 Strongly audible or noisy
39 High Definition Multimedia Interface abbr
40 Nobelist Wiesel
41 Make over or dispose in exchange for money
42 Frequently
43 First sale of a stock



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A generation which ignores history has no past and no future.

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	(S-4)	11.15 am, 3 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.25 pm
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	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 7.25 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 10.20 pm
45 (K)	(S-3)	4.25 pm

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		4.50 pm, 6 pm
		9.35 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	12.35 pm, 4.10 pm
		8.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	1 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	4 pm, 8 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K-3D)	:	7.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

The Raja Saab (Te)	:	9.15 am, 10.15 am, 11.15 am
		1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm
		4.45 pm, 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm
		8.30 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (H)	:	10.50 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.15 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	6.15 pm
45 (K)	:	11.15 am
Mark (K)	:	11.20 am, 6.35 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	2.35 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
Laalo - Krishna Sada Sahaayate (H)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Raja Saab (Te)	:	9.45 am, 10.30 am
		11.15 am, 1.30 pm
		2.15 pm, 3 pm
		5.15 pm, 6 pm
		6.45 pm, 9 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (H)	:	11.40 am, 6.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	3.25 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 13)

- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Kannada Book Authority, Bengaluru:** Implementation of 'Manegondu Granthalaya' programme, retd. VC of Karnataka Samskrit University Prof. Padma Shekar inaugurates and delivers a talk on 'Pustaka Samskruti'; Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Manasa presides, former Syndicate Member of University of Mysore Dr. E.C. Ningaraj Gowda chief guest, Manegondu Granthalaya Samiti Mysuru District Convenor M. Chandrashekar delivers talk, Basava Marga De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre Founder-President S. Basavaraju and Varakodu's Shiksha PU College Principal Devaraju P. Chikkahalli (Dechi) guests of honour, Basava Marga De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre, Hebbal Ring Road, **5 pm.**
- **Chamundi Hill Temple:** 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' Sangeetotsava, Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert by Vid. R. Raghu and troupe, Mysuru, Chamundi Hill Temple premises, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 14)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahalakshmi Temple, Kanakadasaranagar (Dattagalli):** Goda Kalyana, Temple premises, **7 am onwards.**
- **National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC):** 'Silk Fab,' a Handloom and Silk Saree Exhibition-cum-Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**
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		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (H)	:	1 pm, 8.30 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	3.25 pm
Mark (K)	:	12.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.15 pm

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		3 pm, 5.15 pm, 6 pm, 6.45 pm
		9 pm, 10 pm ,10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	10.20 am
The Raja Saab (H)	:	2.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.05 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	6.45 pm

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TODAY'S MATCH (JAN. 13)

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Dr. Sri Mummadi Chandrashekhara Shivacharya Mahaswamiji of Sri Aramane Japakatte Mutt, Fort Mohalla, Mysuru, will inaugurate the event.

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